Did you know?

You might have seen Brazil on the news and social media recently, and it’s for an exciting reason — the 2016 Summer Olympic Games! The Games are being held in Rio de Janeiro, or Rio for short, for a few weeks in August. People all around the world love the Olympics because it’s a chance to watch different athletes from lots of different countries compete in their specific sport. It’s so exciting!

Brazil (or “Brasil” as you would spell it in Portuguese) is the largest country in South America. In fact, it’s the fifth largest country in the whole world, and it has four different time zones. America also has four time zones (if we don’t include Alaska and Hawaii), so you can get an idea of how big it is! It’s also the only country in South America where Portuguese is the main language. Pretty interesting, right?

Brazil is home to the greatest variety of animals of any country in the world! There are 600 kinds of mammals, 1,500 kinds of fish, 1,600 kinds of birds, and 100,000 kinds of insects. Most of these animals live in the jungles, such as the Amazon Rainforest. You can’t find that many different kinds of animals in the zoo!

Let’s pray!

Dear Jesus,

Thank you for Brazil and for all the people who live there. It’s such a big country, and there are a lot of people in Brazil who might have never heard about you before. Please help them to find a Bible in Portuguese or in the language they understand best so that they can learn about you. You love all the people of the world and you want them to know that. Help people to get excited when they read the Bible and to want to know you better. Then they can tell other people about your love too!